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SUBJECT: CLOSING OF NATO MINISTERIAL FEATURED PROMINENTLY
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1. ALL ATHENS NEWSPAPERS DECEMBER 14 GAVE PROMINENT AND GENERALLY POSITIVE TREATMENT TO CLOSING OF NATO MINISTERIAL IN BRUSSELS. KATHIMERINI HEADLINES ITS THREE COLUMN FRONT-PAGE STORY "OPTIMISM FOR SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM." ELEFTHEROS COSMOS CARRIED AS PRINCIPAL STORY BACK-PAGE ITS REPORT UNDER LEADER "UNPROGRAMMED CONVERSATION AT BRUSSELS YESTERDAY. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY MET. KISSINGER AND CALLAGHAN OPTIMISTIC." AKROPOLIS LEADS IN TO ITS STORY "HOPES IN BRUSSELS REVIVED -- ALL AGREE THAT SOLUTION TO BE FOUND THROUGH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS." COMMUNIST (INTERIOR) AVGHI IN ITS PRINCIPAL BACK-PAGE ITEM NOTES "IN SECRET SPEECH KISSINGER EMPHASIZES NATO WILL BE DISSOLVED IF EUROPEANS REFUSE TO SUBMIT."

2. TO VIMA COVERAGE LEADS OFF WITH PRINCIPAL STORY ON FIRST PAGE "KISSINGER AND NATO HOPE FOR CYPRUS SOLUTION". ON INSIDE PAGE THREE PRINCIPAL STORIES ARE FILED FROM BRUSSELS BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MATHIOPOULOU ON MINISTERIAL MEETING. ONE OF THESE PIECES EXPRESSES VIEW THAT THERE "RADICAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND U.K. REGARDING CYPRUS PROBLEM," I.E. THAT U.S. FAVORS DIRECT GREEK-
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TURKISH TALKS WHILE LONDON INSISTS ON INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS.

REPORT SUGGESTS THAT SOME MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT OVER FACT THAT BRITISH DID NOT "SUFFICIENTLY
ASSIST SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS."

3. IN SHORT EDITORIAL COMMUNIST RIZOSPASTIS (EXTERIOR)
ARGUES THAT "REAL ALLIES AND FRIENDS OF CYPRUS PEOPLE ARE
STRIVING FOR PROPER SOLUTION TO ISLAND'S PROBLEM WHEREAS
THOSE INVOLVED IN BRUSSELS TALKS SUCH AS MR. CALLAGHAN
ARE KNOWN TURKOPHILES."
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